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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The number of teachers who have not fulfilled the terms are as follows :—

Secondary Grade—1,991.
Higher Elementary Grade—10,048.
Lower Elementary Grade—18.

Ordinarily notices are issued by the heads of the training institutions to the defaulters for the recovery of the stipends paid to them. If the candidates fail to refund in time the stipends drawn, the amounts are recovered as arrears of land revenue (under Revenue Recovery Act). In some cases when the whereabouts of the students are not known their names are published in the Gazette and suitable action taken if traced. To recover the stipends, court action is also taken. Stipends are written off, if found irrecoverable, after all attempts at recovery have failed."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" In view of the large number of cases of breach mentioned by the Hon. the Minister and in view of the fact that it will be a great hardship on these people if action is taken against them, will the Government think of writing off the claims as irrecoverable? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In certain cases where it is recoverable, we are recovering. Where it is not possible, we are writing off. After all, when we impose a condition, we must also see that the condition is fulfilled. The large-scale breach of the conditions in my view is due to the fact that we are giving them not a sufficient wage to attract them to continue as teachers."

Committee for examining the elementary education scheme.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any expert committee has been constituted for examining the elementary education scheme;

(*b*) if so, what the strength of the committee is; and

(*c*) whether any experts in industries or persons actually engaged in cottage or other industries have been nominated as members of this committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A copy of G.O. Ms. No. 1714 [a], Education, dated 4th December 1954, constituting a committee for reform of elementary education is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the Legislature will be given an opportunity to discuss the recommendations of the committee before the reorganization scheme is finalized? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I will certainly consider the suggestion after the receipt of the report."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Will the report be available in time for implementation of the recommendations in the next school year? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not quite sure. But the committee has promised to expedite its work and submit its report as early as possible. There is no use of hurrying it. The committee has to survey the whole situation and make proper recommendations."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Has the questionnaire of the committee been sent to all Members of the Legislature to elicit their opinion? If not, will the Government kindly issue instructions to the Director of Public Instruction to send copies of the questionnaire to all Members? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am under the impression that all legislators have been supplied with a copy of the questionnaire. If it has not been done, I will certainly look into the matter."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Since the communication enclosing the questionnaire was sent very late to the members, will the committee be asked to extend the time-limit fixed for sending replies? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of instructing the committee. It is an independent committee. I am sure it will take into account the delay in sending the questionnaire and will not stand on technicalities and refuse any suggestions received by it late."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR :—" May I know whether the strength of the committee is being increased by adding some more members? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The committee has been given power to co-opt members if it wants. I find it is co-opting members from each region when it visits that particular region."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, the last portion of the main question, viz., whether any expert or anyone engaged in cottage industries has been nominated to the committee has not been answered. I would like to have an answer."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think I have included any person in the committee who is engaged in cottage industries or any other industries. Persons who have got expert knowledge of these have been included."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR :—" May I know what are the places that have been visited by the committee? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I have not been following the programme of the committee quite closely. I cannot give the names of places visited by it off-hand."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR :—" What is the approximate time within which the work of the committee will be over? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Visit to the various places will be over by April."

Bifurcation of Sattur taluk.

* 185 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate Sattur taluk so as to form a separate taluk by name Virudhunagar taluk in Ramanathapuram district ; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage it stands at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there any proposal to split up any of the taluks in Chingleput and North Arcot districts? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are on Ramanathapuram district."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" I am referring to it, arising out of the main question."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" நீதிநிர்வாகப் பிரிவினைக்கு முன்பு, விருதுநகர் பிராந்தியம் ஒரு sub-taluk ஆகயிருந்து, அங்கே ஒரு டிப்டி தாசில்தார்-ஸப்-மாஜிஸ்டிரேட் கோர்ட்டிருந்தது இப்பொழுது அங்கே சின்னஞ் சிறு இனாம்களெல்லாம் ஒழிக்கப்பட்டு, அந்த இடத்தில் அதிக வேலையிருக்கிறது என்று பொது மக்கள் கருதுவதினால், சாத்தூர் தாலூகாவை இரண்டாகப் பிரிவினை செய்வது பற்றி சர்க்கார் யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If a strong case is made out for it, it will be considered."

Grant of concessions to ex-tappers for tapping neera.

* 186 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state— 3-20 p.m.

(*a*) the concessions granted to ex-tappers for tapping neera ;

(*b*) whether any licence fee is levied for the above purpose ; and